Interview

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# Abstract

This interview was with a second year counselor. The information revealed the reality of the role of the counselor and how it differed from her own concept. This interview also reveals her reactions to the administration of her job.

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The interview was December 8 2009 at Eastern High School in Mebane, NC at 10:00 AM with Tanesha Bazemore, 2nd year guidance counselor. This author had called the school system to inquire about interviewing several counselors. Tanesha's name came up and I sent her an email with a copy of the questions. Tanesha has been a counselor at Eastern for one full year and she was into her second year. Tanesha received her master's from UNC-G. She was very forthright with her answers. A major point that stood out to this author was that her original idea of a school counselor and the reality of being in the school system were different. Once she started her internship, she soon found out that the administration duties were taking time away from working directly with students. This reality was also apparent when she got her counseling position at Eastern High School.

It was noted that the team of counselors, CDC, and social workers were not housed together, which presented some communication challenges at times. The crisis information was not part of her assignment and most of the other school information was kept close by in a book. They had regular monthly meetings as a team. Tanesha seemed to be very happy in her career, but off camera, she let me know she may be moving to Texas when she gets married. The major point of contention she had was not having more face time with the students.

Number of Teachers:  66  
*Teacher Education Level*, Bachelors Degree: 38, Masters Degree: 26, Advanced Degree: 2  
National Board Certified (Masters): 9 Teacher Assistants: 3 , Students Enrolled: 1,106  
Average Class Size: 26, Free/Reduced Lunch: 26%, Academically Gifted: 16%  
Exceptional Children: 13%, Limited English Proficiency: 39, Fluent Proficiency: 16, Total ESL: 4

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